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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to inhibiting encroachment of military
 3 installations; amending s. 288.980, F.S.; providing
 4 legislative findings; specifying functions of the
 5 Military Base Protection Program; authorizing the
 6 Department of Economic Opportunity to submit a list
 7 annually to the Board of Trustees of the Internal
 8 Improvement Trust Fund of non-conservation lands to
 9 acquire for the purpose of buffering a military base
 10 against encroachment; requiring the board of trustees
 11 to consider recommendations of the Florida Defense
 12 Support Task Force; amending s. 253.025, F.S.;
 13 authorizing the board of trustees to acquire non-
 14 conservation lands from the list submitted to it from
 15 the Department of Economic Opportunity; providing an
 16 effective date.

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 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 20 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 288.980,
 21 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent;
 23 grants program.—

24 (1)(a) It is the intent of this state to provide the
 25 necessary means to assist communities with military
 26 installations in supporting and sustaining those installations.
 27 It is further the intent to encourage communities to initiate a
 28 coordinated program of response and plan of action in advance of

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29 future actions of the federal government relating to
 30 realignments and closures. It is critical that communities
 31 develop and implement strategies to preserve and protect
 32 military installations. The Legislature hereby recognizes that
 33 the state needs to coordinate all efforts that can support
 34 military installations throughout the state. The Legislature,
 35 therefore, declares that providing such assistance to support
 36 the defense-related initiatives within this section is a public
 37 purpose for which public money may be used.

38 (b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization within
 39 Enterprise Florida, Inc., is designated as the organization to
 40 ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions,
 41 and its military host communities are in competitive positions
 42 as the United States continues its defense realignment and
 43 downsizing. The defense alliance shall serve as an overall
 44 advisory body for defense-related activity of Enterprise
 45 Florida, Inc. The Florida Defense Alliance may receive funding
 46 from appropriations made for that purpose administered by the
 47 department.

48 (c) The Legislature finds that encroachment of military
 49 installations has been identified by local, state and federal
 50 leaders as a critical issue in protecting, preserving and
 51 enhancing Florida's military installations. Encroachment can be
 52 detrimental to the current and future missions of military
 53 installations because of incompatible land uses of adjacent
 54 lands. The Legislature recognizes the unique need to secure
 55 land that may present an encroachment threat to a military
 56 installation, but which has no conservation value.

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57 (2) (a) The Military Base Protection Program is created.
 58 The function of the Military Base Protection Program includes
 59 but is not limited to:

60 1. Securing non-conservation lands to serve as a buffer to
 61 protect military installations against encroachment;

62 2. Supporting local community efforts to engage in service
 63 partnerships with military installations.

64 (b) The department may, pursuant to s. 253.025(18), submit
 65 a list annually to the Board of Trustees of the Internal
 66 Improvement Trust Fund of non-conservation lands to acquire,
 67 subject to a specific appropriation, through fee simple purchase
 68 or through perpetual, less-than-fee interest in such lands, for
 69 the purpose of buffering a military base against encroachment.
 70 In making determinations for the purchase of non-conservation
 71 lands to secure and protect a military installation against
 72 encroachment, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
 73 Trust Fund shall consider the recommendations of the Florida
 74 Defense Support Task Force, as created in s. 288.987. This
 75 paragraph does not preclude the acquisition of such lands
 76 through fee simple purchase or through perpetual, less-than-fee
 77 interest in such lands, for the purpose of buffering a military
 78 base against encroachment by local governments.

79 (c) Funds appropriated to this program may be used to
 80 address emergent needs relating to mission sustainment,
 81 encroachment reduction or prevention and base retention. All
 82 funds appropriated for the purposes of this program are eligible
 83 to be used for matching of federal funds. The department shall
 84 coordinate and implement this program.

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85 Section 2. Subsection (18) is added to section 253.025,
 86 Florida Statutes, to read:

87 253.025 Acquisition of state lands for purposes other than
 88 preservation, conservation, and recreation.—

89 (18) Pursuant to s. 288.980(2)(b), the board of trustees
 90 may acquire non-conservation lands from the list submitted to it
 91 from the Department of Economic Opportunity for the purpose of
 92 buffering a military base against encroachment.

93 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.